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THE ROAST OF STOESEL

JUDGE ADVOCATE SCATHING IN DENUNCIATION OF SOME FAMOUS RUSSIAN OFFICIALS.

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 4.—Death for Generals Stoessel, Fock and Reiss was demanded today by General Gursky, judge advocate of the court martial which is trying the officers for the surrender of Port Arthur to the Japanese.

In his summing up General Gursky characterized Stoessel as the responsible agent for the shameful surrender of the fortress and the cowardly ending of its glorious defense, and Fock and Reiss as the men who inspired and abetted him. For General Smirneff, who was declared guilty or not having taken measures to prevent the surrender, the judge advocate asked punishment of imprisonment at forced labor for four years. The judge advocate admitted the right of the court to take into consideration the former records of Stoessel and Fock. He alluded to General Fock's heroic conduct in the battle of Shupka Pass during the Russo-Turkish war, for which he was given the Cross of St. George; but he said that General Reiss did not have the slightest claim to clemency; that he was a liar and a vainglorious boaster.

During the scathing indictment of the judge advocate which lasted for nearly six hours, Generals Stoessel, Reiss and Smirneff showed extreme nervousness and depression. General Stoessel shifted uneasily in his seat and flushed and paled alternately as General Gursky took his reputation to shreds. He made no attempt to interrupt the speaker. General Reiss, when his turn for castigation came, wrung his hands in distress, while General Smirneff was entirely without that blimp air of self confidence which he has hitherto maintained. General Fock alone was not intimidated. During the entire address of the judge advocate he glared ferociously at his accuser from his bushy eyebrows.

General Gursky paid the highest tribute to the brave defenders of the fortress, several hundred of whom were seated in the crowded courtroom. He said it was necessary to draw a sharp distinction between them and their leaders. He said history might be searched in vain for failure to punish the men responsible for such a surrender, and he declared that their undesired decorations should be torn from the breasts of the uniforms they had disgraced. Continuing, the judge advocate made light of the idea of a massacre which General Stoessel had advanced said that even the civilians in Port Arthur had no fear of such an occurrence. The passions of the early days of the siege had given place, he said, to a quiet fulfillment of duty by Russians and Japanese alike.

General Reiss was accused of disregarding the interests of Russia in the negotiations the dangers of the situation in order further to terrify General Stoessel.

General Fock dealt with the premature evacuation of important fortifications in order to impress the garrison with the necessity for a speedy surrender. In general the judge advocate devoted himself to a consideration of the surrender itself, passing over the minor charges incorporated in the indictment. He concluded as follows:

"The accused must receive the most severe penalty provided by law in order that the principle proclaimed in the time of Nicholas I. that the Russian flag, once hoisted must never be lowered, be maintained."

MAYOR TAYLOR TIRED OF JOB

WILL GLADLY RETIRE TO PRIVATE LIFE WHEN HIS PRESENT TERM HAS EXPIRED.

SAN FRANCISCO, February 11.—A report from a trustworthy source gives assurance that as soon as Mayor Taylor's present term of office is concluded he will gladly retire to private life. In fact, the report says, he is already tired of his job and he would gladly welcome a retirement at this time, could he do so without incurring the displeasure of all of his friends who supported him at the last election.

One of the supervisors would also like to quit the service of the city, and it is thought that others on the board are of the same frame of mind. His excuse was that the duties involved in the rehabilitation of the city are so great and important that it would require the time of every supervisor, and that these officials should be able to devote all of their time to the city instead of to their private business.

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THE "CIVICS" YEAR'S WORK

MUCH WORK ALREADY DONE AND PLANS FOR ENLARGED PUBLIC ACTIVITY IN COMING YEAR.

The annual meeting of the Civic Federation was held yesterday afternoon in the Y. M. C. A. Hall on Hotel street, the meeting being attended by a large number of members. The work of the past year was discussed at length, and the plans for the coming year were also gone over very thoroughly.

President Griffiths was in the chair and after the minutes of the last meeting were read, presented his report for the year 1907-08, containing the following:

"I take pleasure in submitting to you the report of the President of the Civic Federation for the year 1907-1908, the fourth year of the Federation's life.

"As the reports of the chairmen of the subcommittees give a survey of the year's work of the Federation, no detailed summary on my part is necessary. It is enough to point out the variety of the enterprises in which the Executive Committee has had a hand and to call attention to the fact that the organization is doing its utmost to promote the right things in a sane way. It has tried to take a practical view of our problems and, while holding a high ideal, has not let the failure to attain this ideal stand in the way of accepting and profiting by the best obtainable results. It realizes that it has not adequately covered the field. Its excuse is in its limited resources in men and money. Its policy has been rather to take up the pressing needs and to give to them as much study and energy as the limited time, snatched from business and scanty leisure, would allow. It rejoices that there are other men and other organizations doing work in the same field along the same or parallel lines. It has given us pleasure to give and receive co-operation in the work in which all should join. We are simply doing in an organized way what every good citizen does as an individual. We believe that organization gives additional weight and momentum to the cause and we urge that there be a union in effort, if not in name, of those who are seeking to make Honolulu a better place to live in. While the work of the Federation this year has been done in a quiet way, it has been none the less effective. A good many wrongs have been attacked and a good many right things set in motion. The pulse of the people, which we have had occasion to feel at times during the year, has indicated a general support of our policies and a belief in the things for which we are fighting.

"The membership of the Federation is now about two hundred and fifty, more than one hundred more than last year. This membership has meant solid support to the work of the Executive Committee. I have no hesitancy in saying that with little effort and no solicitation the actual membership could be doubled or trebled from among those who are naturally active for good government. The Federation's treasury would feel the benefit of their dollars, but there is great satisfaction in knowing that the finest kind of support is coming from men in the town who are actually not members of the organization.

"The relation of the Executive Committee to the Federation at large has been made a little closer. Some will doubt if it is close enough. But the essential difficulty of doing in a public meeting many of the things that have to be done, most of which demand quiet and prompt action, is plain to all. The policy should rather be to choose men in whom you have confidence to execute a broad policy for civic betterment which you should here discuss and approve.

"The coming year, as it is an election year, is important. With a carefully determined policy carried out by earnest, active men, the Federation ought to be able to assist Hawaii's citizenship in selecting the best men for office. The position of the Federation as a non-partisan organization interested in good government and bound to get it by a scrutiny of candidates and policies, irrespective of party, has been well established. It is certain that the Federation will continue to do its civic duty."

The report of the sub-committee on Education, Charities and Public Health, on which are President Horne of Kamehameha school, J. A. Rath and W. R. Castle, was a very lengthy one, covering a number of subjects, which were gone into very thoroughly.

One of the chief matters which this committee has decided to do is to try and regulate the noise which is made on the nights of public holidays, such as Christmas, New Years, Chinese New Years and the Fourth of July. The committee feel that the rights of the many should not be infringed for the sake of a few.

The report of the committee on Legislation and Public Services, presented a number of timely matters, the most important being the matter of

appointment of public officials. The report in part said:

"It seems to your committee that a wise public sentiment, openly expressed, would determine largely the questions of appointment to office and prevent 'Hole in the Corner' appointments, or the appointment of unworthy people from motives of expediency. In the opinion of your committee, no law can be passed which would meet such a question unless perhaps the appointment of a non-partisan commission by the Legislature or the purpose of taking up all names for appointment to non-elective public office."

Among the other things dealt with and recommended in the report were the direct primary law referendum and recall, a juvenile court law and a law providing for the distribution of a portion of a felon's earnings to his wife and children. In discussing the social evil question, the report said:

"It having been recently called to the attention of your committee that in certain branches, the law regulating a certain so-called necessary evil, the law was loosely enforced by the authorities. It becomes a question as to whether it would not be better to amend said law to the effect that to the penalties now prescribed under the law should be added the penalty of publication of the names of the persons who habitually sought such places."

The committee on Parks, Streets and Public Works presented a lengthy report of the work done by them in the past, and also made a number of suggestions for their work in the future.

The committee on Law and Order reported that they had brought a number of matters to the Sheriff and Chief of Detectives, and they were able to state that they had received every courtesy possible from the gentlemen mentioned.

The following resolutions regarding sewer rates were presented and passed:

Resolved, That the present system of sewer rates is unfair and that an Act should be passed at the next Legislature placing the burden of maintaining the Honolulu sewer system on the city and county of Honolulu.

Resolved, That as long as the present law is in effect it is the duty of the Superintendent of Public Works to enforce the same against all users of sewers alike.

For some weeks past your committee has had in hand investigation of certain definite complaints regarding the prosecution of cases of gambling and unlicensed liquor selling in the local courts and an inquiry into the large number of divorce libels recorded here. Both of these matters are

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RUSSIA TO SPEND ON VLADIVOSTOK

ACTIVE PREPARATIONS MAKING FOR FUTURE WAR WITH THE JAPANESE.

ST. PETERSBURG, February 11.—The Ministry of War is preparing plans for the speedy conversion of Vladivostok into a first class fortress, involving expenditures of about \$6,000,000. Completion of the work within three years is held to be imperative in order that Russia may not be caught napping as at Port Arthur in case of future trouble with Japan.

Sixty engineering officers were employed on the work. Russian strategy in any future war with Japan will depend upon the ability of Vladivostok to hold out for a year without assistance. The mobilization plans worked out by the general staff contemplate the concentration of troops on the line of Lake Baikal and the abandonment of the intervening parts of Siberia and Manchuria until the army is strong enough to assume the offensive successfully.

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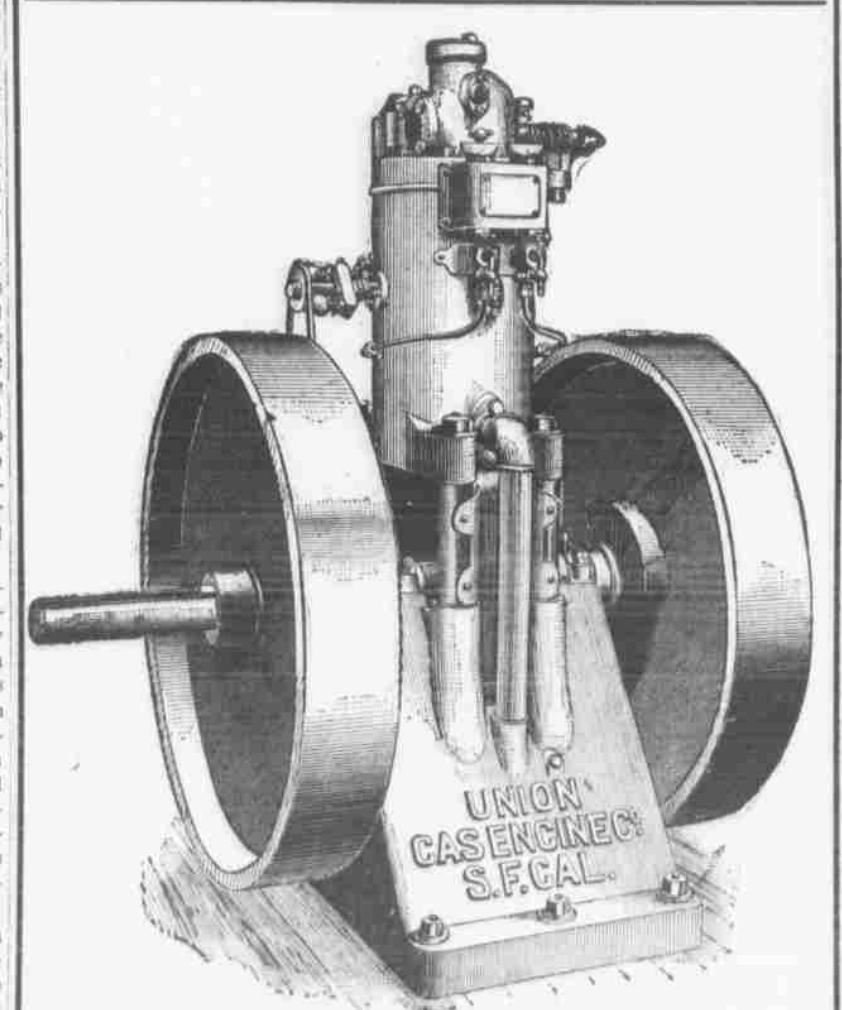
Respectfully submitted,
DOREMUS SCUDDER,
Chairman;
C. H. DICKEY,
E. H. TOWSE.

C. H. Dickey, Dr. Scudder, C. H. Olson, Theodore Richards and Robbins B. Anderson were elected as members to the Executive Committee.

John M. Martin brought to the attention of the members present the danger of burlesque show places being allowed to have liquor licenses when the fleet arrived. He thought that the Federation should take some action in the matter at once.

Besides President Griffiths the following members were present: Ed. Towse, W. R. Patterson, W. W. Hall, D. L. Withington, Dr. Mitamura, Dr. J. T. Gulick, Rev. Oleson, Dr. Rogers, W. R. Castle, P. L. Horne, R. S. Hoemer, J. M. Martin, Frank Dodge, Geo. Paty, J. S. Donaghy, J. L. Hopwood, Chas. R. Frazier, J. A. Rath, A. V. Soares, Geo. Ewaliko, G. P. Castle, Rev. W. D. Westervelt, Rev. Dr. Scudder, Paul Super, Rev. T. Okamura, S. K. Kamaiopili, J. T. Townsend, Clem W. Quinn, C. H. Dickey and others.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIRST CIRCUIT, TERRITORY OF HAWAII.

HOLDING TERMS AT HONOLULU, COUNTY OF OAHU.

MARSTON CAMPBELL, Superintendent of Public Works of the Territory of Hawaii, Plaintiff Petitioner, vs. WILLIAM M. MAHUKA, AMOY MAHUKA, wife of William M. Mahuka, LUUKIA MAHUKA, JOHN DOE and MARY STILES, unknown heirs at law of M. K. Mahuka, deceased, JOHN EMMELUTH, ALETHEIA EMMELUTH, wife of John Emmeluth, WALTER C. PEACOCK, MARY ALICE PEACOCK, wife of Walter C. Peacock, BATHSHEBA M. ALLEN, JOSEPH O. CARTER, PAUL MUHLENDORF and M. P. ROBINSON, Trustees under the Will of Samuel C. Allen, deceased, JOSEPH O. CARTER, ALFRED W. CARTER, WILLIAM O. SMITH, SAMUEL M. DAMON, and E. FAXON BISHOP, Trustees under the Will and of the Estate of Bernice Pauahi Bishop, deceased, MARY E. FOSTER, HEINRICH WILHELM EHLERS, PAUL J. F. EHLERS, JOHN F. HACKFELD, Trustees, HENRY WATERHOUSE TRUST COMPANY, LIMITED, a Hawaiian Corporation, JOHN BROWN, JAMES BLACK, MARY PURPLE and JANE BLUE, unknown owners and claimants, Defendants Respondents.

THE TERRITORY OF HAWAII: TO THE HIGH SHERIFF of the Territory of Hawaii, or his Deputy; the Sheriff of the County of Oahu, or his Deputy:

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And have you then there this Writ with full return of your proceedings thereon.

WITNESS the Honorable John T. De Bolt, First Judge of the Circuit Court of the First Circuit, at Honolulu, aforesaid, this 26th day of December, 1907.

(Seal).
(Signed) J. A. THOMPSON, Clerk.

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a full, true and correct copy of the original summons herein issued and on file in this Court.

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